# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF PEOPLE
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a large scale migration from rural to urban areas due to employment opportunities and other means of livelihood;

(b) if so, the number of people who have migrated to urban areas and the population of rural areas;

(c) whether more employment opportunities are likely to be made available to rural people so as to reverse this trend; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken up by the Government to stop this exodus?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) does not compile Statistics/ data on the number of people migrated from rural to urban area.

(c) & (d): The MoRD is currently implementing a number of programmes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for employment and poverty alleviation. Indira Awaas Yojana(IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY) for development of rural infrastructure, Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWMP) for area development, National Rural Drinking Water Programme(NRDWP) and Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) for basic amenities in rural areas of the country. These programmes focus on overall development of rural areas, and enhance the income level of the rural people. These programmes help reduce migration from the rural to urban areas.